

ARE FIRE FIGHTERS ADEQUATELY PAID?

Extract from article published in "Fire and Water Engineering":

There seems to be a general belief that members of fire departments in the United States are inadequately paid for their services when the severity of their calling is considered. This journal which has always been a persistent advocate of improvements in the fire service of the country, is of that opinion, too. There cannot be any doubt that the most important step to take in bringing about such betterment is by offering those actively engaged in it compensation commensurate with the duties that have to be performed.

If the laborer be worthy of his hire, how much more worthy must be the men who take so many dangerous chances while engaged in the discharge of a perilous duty. The community that refuses to compensate those who band themselves together to save life and protect property is not one in which any progressive or respectable person would care to reside. Poor parsonage never did much to build up localities, but on the contrary has so impoverished them that the decline of property and population was certain to be the result.

It is no easy task to be always on the alert for the top of the cone or sound of the whistle and the subsequent risk of death or injury by smoke, fire or falling walls. There must be fire protection in every locality, no matter how large or small. Fires will occur from hundreds of unknown causes and means must be at hand to stay their progress.

In the list of one hundred and thirty-four cities given, ranging from 7,000 to 5,000,000, it will be seen that there are many of the what the list and his men are inadequately paid. It must be borne in mind that when a fireman works himself along all grades to the highest rung of the ladder he is an efficient officer and is entitled to an adequate salary in proportion to the size and importance of his department. To show that this is not always the case there are three cities with nearly the same size populations, yet the salaries are \$2,800, \$4,000 and \$6,000, respectively, the last named being the smallest city of the three. And, again, in three others the most important one gives only \$1,800, while the other two have \$2,500 each. So it is that there is an inequality in settling salaries and an injustice perpetuated upon their recipients which ought to be set right at once, and it is to be hoped that in presenting these figures the fire commissioners will take immediate action to see that the men of their departments are adequately paid for the onerous duties they are called upon to perform. As with the heads, so all along the line the inequalities ought to be remedied by bringing the underpaid men up to a proper standard. The chief of the New York fire department only receives \$10,000 a year, yet he has a large staff and attends to more detail in his department than the chiefs of probably any two or three of the next largest cities in the country. When the authorities of some places look over the list of salaries given by this journal, it will make them turn away with shame, as there is no doubt one-half the men in the service are underpaid and overworked. The tendency at the present time is to agitate for better pay, and it is well to note that some cases the city officials see the fairness of the demands and grant the increase. For instance, in Waterbury, Conn., the salaries of the men for an increase from \$600 to \$1,000 was promptly granted, while at Chicopee, Mass., an increase of \$60 a year has been given the three men. The claims of the men then there is a steady increase in prices of the necessities of life while their salaries have stood still is very fair, and now that there is a general demand for small increases it is to be hoped there will be no unnecessary parsimony shown in meeting out the small but just demands made. No life is so hard as that of a fireman. There is not a minute he can call his own, while his constant attendance on duty and frequent exposure to peril calls for the best and bravest among us. It is not a question then of paying for service perfunctorily performed, but of giving an adequate wage to the men who earn every dollar of it in the performance of an arduous and hazardous calling.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Rough Saves Fine Family Homestead

Through deals consummated in the office of the town clerk yesterday, Charles Hough became again secure in the ownership of the Hough homestead in Stratford avenue between Hough and Waterbury avenues. Mr. Hough got title to the property on the death of his sister, Mrs. Brutter, but a few weeks ago he was believed to have sacrificed the family homestead. Yesterday he effected several transactions of real estate with Adolph Sherman in the vicinity of the fine residence, with the result that he secured the title to the home a second time.

Twice Sentenced to Death, Seeks Pardon

Twice sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Michael Wierdak of Glastonbury, John Saviak through his attorneys is still fighting for life. He was granted a second trial by the supreme court, but the verdict and sentence remained the same as at the first trial. Now his lawyers have sought a hearing by the board of pardons which will meet in January. At the second trial, Saviak's alleged accomplice succeeded in obtaining a life sentence. At the first trial he was sentenced to death.

Congressman Tilson Has No Secretary

Congressman-at-Large John Q. Tilson, who expects to return to Washington a week from today, thinks that the congressional session, which will open on December 6, will be a long one, and may last until next May or June.

Mr. Tilson says that he has not yet made the appointment of a private secretary, for which he received a \$1,200 allowance, as it was supposed he would do during his vacation. He states that the man whom he had in view for the position has proved to be unavailable, and that he now has under consideration several other names, and that he would make the appointment very soon.

Weak Lungs

Ask your doctor to name the best family medicine for coughs, colds, bronchitis, weak lungs. Follow his advice.

HOW 500 HELP A BLIND MOTORMAN

Charles J. Piggott and His Family Supported by Fellow Trolley Workers

One of the touching human interest scenes in New Haven is witnessed every Wednesday afternoon when the 500 or more of trolley men in the employ of the Connecticut company are paid off at the Ford building at the corner of Chapel and State streets. After receiving their "roll" for the week, every man of them walks up to a box which to them represents Motorman Charles J. Piggott of Hotchkiss street, who was stricken blind while on duty and deposits an offering of sympathy for him. These contributions amount to important figures weekly, and they are religiously observed. They support Mr. Piggott, who is unable to help himself.

Piggott, four years ago, was one of the healthiest and most active of the motormen in the employ of the company. While running his car down the Lighthouse Point route he was suddenly and inexplicably stricken with blindness, from which he has never recovered. He has been treated by specialists at the expense of himself, the railroad company and the Trolley-men's union, Division 231, but he has never been able to gain relief in any way and today he is as far from recovering his eyesight, apparently, as ever. At the time that he was stricken, Piggott was a member of the union in good standing—in fact he was one of the most valued members of that organization. Consequently his case has always come up at the benefit meetings which have to be held by the hard-working knights of the trolley in the dark hours when all New Haven is asleep, because these men have no other time in which they can assemble all their fellows to discuss such matters.

And so his case is well known to them all, and it is no cross for any and all of them to drop a coin into the box which is reserved at the doorway for the stricken motorman.

The case is believed to be without parallel in New England, at least as far as the helplessness of the motorman and the helpfulness of organization when its best efforts are carried out.

POINTS OF INTEREST.

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Here's a Chance.

Don't miss this chance to get a handsome clock at Parker's jewelry store in the Arcade. Ask about the plan. It is much the same as last year, a division of some of the profits of the business with the patrons of the store. Mr. Parker announces that on and after Nov. 26, every purchaser to the amount of \$1 and over will be given a coupon. The oftener you purchase to the extent named the more coupons you will receive. These will be given until Christmas when there will be given away absolutely free one 400 day parlor clock and an oak or a walnut kitchen clock, according to the choice of the customer. As an added inducement for Christmas buying at this store, every patron buying before Dec. 15, by cash or deposit will be entitled to a discount of 5 per cent.

Washington, Nov. 27.

"I repeat what I have said heretofore, Justice Wright is biased and is unfit to wear the judicial ermine."

In these words Samuel Gompers, the President of the American Federation of Labor, referred yesterday to Associate Justice Wright of the District Supreme court who sentenced Mr. Gompers, John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison, officers of the federation, to varying terms of imprisonment for contempt of the court in the Bucks Stove and Range Company case.

"If the Supreme Court of the United States declines to permit the issue to come before it for review or affirms the decision of the lower court, will you ask the President for a pardon?" asked yesterday afternoon the lawyer of Mr. Gompers.

"I will not," he replied; "nor will I willingly permit my friends to do so. Had I violated any law and been found guilty, I should have accepted the sentence. I might consider the question of seeking Executive clemency."

Father Conveyed Property, Sues Son to Get It

A case of unusual interest in which a father is fighting against his son is soon to be fought in the Superior court. Yesterday afternoon the case was filed by Attorney Henry A. Shannon of this city papers in a suit brought by Patrick Hanlon, father of Norwalk, against John B. Hanlon, son of Orange. Fraud is alleged, the father stating that the son induced him to sign a warranty deed of all his property, thereby cheating him and obtaining the property conveyed to him. The plaintiff in his allegation states that he is 34 years of age and for some years past has been weak, both mentally and physically. He resides with his son, James, in Norwalk. John B. Hanlon lives with his wife and family in Orange.

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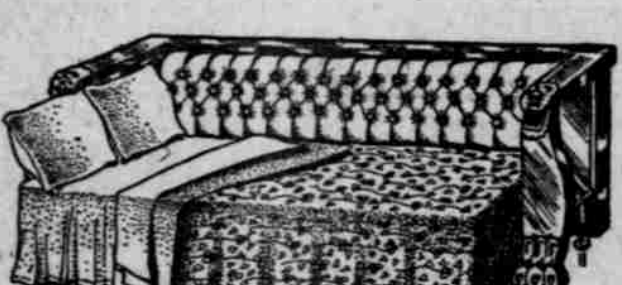
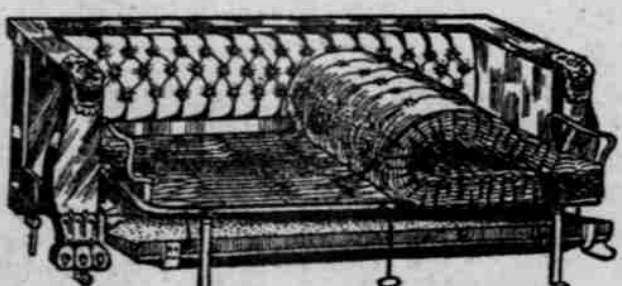
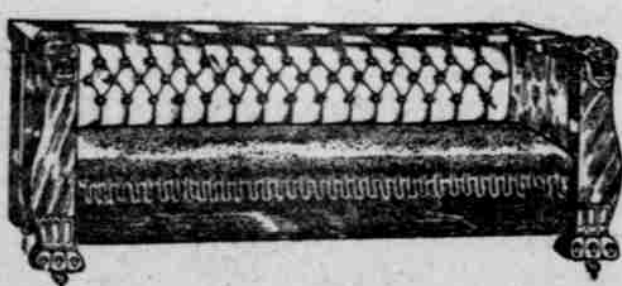
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The William E. Burnham is a sister ship of the Jessie Bishop, named for the wife of General Henry A. Bishop of this city. No Bridgeporters attended the launching, although General Bishop and a party witnessed the launching of the sister ship last year. The Burnham will ply along the Atlantic coast. The schooner has a length of 128 feet 8 inches, beam 16 feet and a draught of 13 feet 9 inches. Her crew numbers eight.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN 3 DAYS.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. Detchen's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by Curtis Pharmacy, Druggist, 1149 Main St. Q2-6 U.

FATHER HEAGEN NEW DOMINICAN PROVINCIAL

New Haven, Nov. 27.—Word has been received that Rev. Father Matthew E. Heagen, formerly pastor of St. Mary's R. C. Church in this city, had been chosen provincial of the Dominican order in the United States. Father Heagen was at St. Mary's from 1904 to 1907 and it was he who started work for the erection of the new rectory, now completed and which stands in Hillhouse avenue near the church.

Connecticut Patents

The following were issued Nov. 23, 1909: List furnished from office of A. M. Wooster, solicitor of patents, Bridgeport, Conn.
S. E. Cibilas, Bridgeport, Sash operating mechanism.
G. W. Goodridge, Bridgeport, Wire skimming rollers.
C. E. Parker, Bridgeport, Combination curtain bracket.
F. W. Slady, Bridgeport, Incandescent lamp socket.
J. J. Joy, New Haven, 2 patents: Cutlery-grinding machine; Skate runner grinder.
W. E. Porter, New Haven, Alarm clock.
J. H. Wheeler, New Haven, Magazine cut off for repeating firearms.
C. Gordon, Hartford, Flanged pipe.
E. M. W. Hanson, Hartford, 2 patents: Metal working machine; Feeding mechanism.
J. E. Lewis, Hartford, Radiator for automobiles.
G. W. Conklin, Shelton, Lifting board of drop hammers.
C. E. Smith, New Britain, Lever-buckle.
W. E. Gaston, Waterbury, Bottle stopper.
W. R. Thompson, South Norwalk, Air-compressor.
F. F. Burton, South Beach, Recoiling barrel gun.
L. Krummel, Clinton, Can-head machine.
J. J. Murphy, Terryville, Combination lock.
W. L. Shepard, Elmwood, 2 patents: Machine for condensing peat; Fuel producer.

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